



Agency Accomplishments

Initiative: Internal Initiatives

Coming together is a beginning.
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and working together is success.

- Collected more than \$3 million in cost recovery.
- Established Alternative Work Schedule
- Created Educational Assistance program for employees' continuing education
- Established 10-course Manager Training curriculum and test-out options

Initiative: Protect Children from Environmental Threats

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- Offered Mercury Collection Day in every county and collected 2,000 pounds of mercury during the month of October 1998.
- Trained 100 people to conduct lead assessments in neighborhoods.
- Launched 5-Star Environmental Recognition Program for Child Care Facilities with First Lady Judy O'Bannon.
- Began first-ever urban air toxic monitoring for four priority areas.

Initiative: Help Communities Invest in the Future

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- Awarded more than \$160 million for wastewater and drinking water State Revolving Loan projects.
- Multi-media team inspected all underground storage tanks prior to deadline, conducting more than 4,000 site visits.
- Completed 12 brownfield workshops and assisted more than 30 communities with environmental assessments.
- Awarded 94 brownfield grants and 2 loans through partnership with the Development Finance Authority totaling more than \$2.2 million in assistance.

Initiative: Increase Regional Focus

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- Opened IDEM Southwest Office in Evansville, August 1998, and IDEM Northern Office in South Bend, December 1998.
- Partnered with seven local Steering Committees for clean air.
- Developed Wildcat Creek Watershed planning pilot and established a locally-led Wildcat Creek Watershed Network Board.

Initiative: Deliver Quality Service

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- Issued 99.5% permits on time in 1998
- Published and distributed State of the Environment Report 1998 and 1999
- Launched compliance complaint clearinghouse and developed multi-media compliance pilots
- Substantially reduced permit backlog across IDEM
- Improved IDEM Budget and received approval from Governor and State Legislature